

### ABSTRACT

Apparatus, and an associated method, for embedding control information into a data packet that is communicated during effectuation of a packet communication service. A formatter formats information that is to be communicated into an RTP-formatted data packet.

- 5 A header extension forms part of the data packet and includes fields that are populated with values of control information. The data packet, once formed, is communicated to a receiving station whereat the header extension is identified and the values contained therein are extracted by an extractor.